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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

A three (3) month extension of time, to and including November 18, 2004, is requested for response to the Patent Office Communication of May 18, 2004.

The extension fee of \$490.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is enclosed herewith. If the amount is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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